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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member begins to suspect the Madras Public Service Commission; I am afraid there is no salvation for him and me."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is the Government in the habit of communicating its mind to the Service Commission before the recommendations of the Commission are communicated to the Government? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. The hon. Member will realize that we make no recommendation. Sometimes, we accept and sometimes we may not accept. But, in this case, we have mentioned the reasons for accepting the recommendation."

Regularization of the services of Highways maistris in Tanjore division.

* 162 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the services of Highways maistris working in the Tanjore dvision have been regularized; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The general question of regularizing the services of maistris in the Highways Department as a whole was left for consideration by the respective State Governments after partition. Accordingly, the question is now under examination by this Government. The general orders in the case will cover the maistris in the Tanjore Division also."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Highways Department-ல் வேலை செய்யக் கூடிய மேஸ்திரிகள் பத்து, பன்னிரண்டு வருஷங்களாக சர்விஸ் ஆகியும் கூட அவர்களுடைய வேலைகள் நிரந்தரமாக்கப்படாமல், இன்றைக்கோ நாளைக்கோ வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்கப்படுவார்கள் என்ற அபாய நிலைமையில் இருக்கிறார்கள். இந்த நிலைமை நீண்ட காலம் நீடிக்காமல் இருப்பதற்கு உடனடியாக அவர்களுடைய சர்விஸை நிரந்தரமாக்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஒரு முடிவு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, it was only the other day I answered a similar question that the Chief Engineer (Highways) has sent in proposals and we have sent a communication only on the 15th of February 1954 asking for certain clarifications with regard to the grades and other things. As soon as his reply is received, we will take action very expeditiously."